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ABSTRACT

This book focuses on the more advanced language abilities of upper grade youth and adolescents. It discusses how language develops from childhood to adulthood. The book compiles, integrates, and interprets the extensive research on this population for numerous topics. It is useful to anyone seeking an increased understanding of the relationships among cognitive development, language acquisition, and academic performance. The text is rich with examples of actual research tasks so that the reader quickly understands each study or structured observation. Topics covered include lexical acquisition and use, the language associated with formal reasoning, aspects of figurative language, synthetic growth, and the development of persuasion and negotiation. Chapter titles include: "Later Language Development: An Overview"; "The Literate Lexicon"; "Word Finding: Storage and Retrieval"; "The Definition of Words"; "Analogies: Inductive Reasoning"; Syllogisms: Deductive Reasoning"; Metaphors and Similes"; "Idioms and Slang Terms"; "Proverbs and Fables"; "Ambiguity and Sarcasm"; "Syntactic Attainments"; "Conversation and Narration"; and "Persuasion and Negotiation"; There are also extensive scholarly references and author and subject indices. (KFT)

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